High level of lead in School-Children of Delhi

696. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a pilot study conducted by AIIMS has revealed presence of high level of lead in 64% school children in Delhi, tested for lead;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what effective steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) A pilot study conducted by AIIMS on 200 shcool children has revealed presence of blood levels of lead (10g/dl) in 64% of the children screened. However, no correlation was found between blood lead levels and clinical systoms. It is concluded that to diagnose lead toxicity, blood lead levels have to be estimated. The pilot study indicated the need to survey a large population size.

(e) Some of the steps taken by the Government to check lead pollution are:—

(1) Awareness programmes through advertisements.

(2) Introduction of lead free gasoling in motor vehicles.

(3) Obtaining PUC (Pollution Under Control) certificates by each vehicle owner has been made compulsory.

(4) Under the Motor Vehicles Act, Government has made it compulsory to install catalytic convertors (Pollution Control Device) at the design and manufacturing stage of vehicles.

(5) Tax exemption is now given be industries for installation of Pollution Control Devices.

Centrally sponsored Health Care Schemes through NGOs

697. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the centrally sponsored Health Care Schemes being operated through NGOs in this country, especially in Gujarat; and

(b) the details of funds allocated and released to State Governments for these schemes and utilised by them during each of the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) There is no Centrally Sponsored Health Care Scheme being through NGOs in the country including Gujarat. However, NGOs are being involved in implementation of some health programmes for central of Leprosy, T.B., Blindness and AIDs etc.

अपोलो अस्पताल में गरीबों के लिए बिस्तरों की व्यवस्था

698. **श्री खान गुफरान जाहिदी:** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार दिल्ली स्थित अपोलो अस्पताल में गरीबों के लिए बिस्तरों के आरक्षण पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका प्रतिशत कितना है और अपोलो अस्पताल के अलावा कितने निजी अस्पतालों में गरीबों के लिए बिस्तर आरक्षण की व्यवस्था की गई है तथा तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (श्री दलित एजिलमलाई): (क) और (ख) इन्द्रप्रस्थ मेडिकल कार्पोरेशन लिमि॰ के साथ हुए समझौते के अनुसार अपोलो अस्पताल दिल्ली सरकार की सिफारिश पर कुल पलंग क्षमता का एक तिहाई तक गरीब रोगियों की चिकित्सा परिचर्या के लिए निशुल्क उपलब्ध करायेगा और अपने बहिरिंग रोगियों के 40% से अधिक रोगियों के लिए चिकित्सा सुविधाएं भी उपलब्ध करेगा। राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली सरकर ने सूचित किया है कि चार अस्पताल, नामत: गंगाराम अस्पताल, मूलचन्द अस्पताल, एस्कार्ट और बत्रा अस्पताल गरीब रोगियों को उपचार सुविधाएं दे रहे हैं।

Checking of Adulterated Food in Delhi

699. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: